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"And let them make for me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them."
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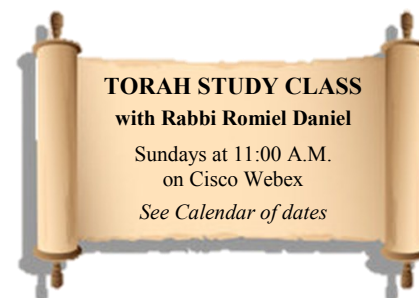
CHESHVAN / KISLEV / TEVET 5781

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SUNDAY MORNING TORAH STUDY **CLASSES WITH RABBI DANIEL**



November 8, 15, 22, 29

December 6, 13, 20, 27

All classes meet on Webex at 11:00 A.M.

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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

MARCHESHVAN

We will soon be in the month of MarCheshvan followed by Kislev. After the hectic activity, fasting and praying during the months of Elul and Tishrei, we have a short break to gather our breath. A quiet month. However in Jewish history a lot happened during this month

In this month King Solomon completed the construction of the first Temple – though the dedication did not take place until a year later, in the Hebrew month of Tishrei.

Two Key Events

If we search further, we find two other events that occurred in the month of Cheshvan. The first was the flood in the times of Noah. The flood began on the 17th of Cheshvan, and the waters receded by the following year on the 27th of Cheshvan, allowing Noah and the other inhabitants of the ark to disembark. It is significant to note that the flood was originally intended to begin on the 11th of Cheshvan. However, Methuselah passed away, and thus the flood was delayed in deference to the seven-day period of mourning that followed his death.

The second important event that occurred in Cheshvan seems unrelated at first glance. This was the death of Jacob's wife Rachel, as well as the birth of Benjamin, which occurred on the 11th of Cheshvan. It was precisely the same day as Methuselah's death, the very day that flood had originally been slated to begin. As there are no coincidences in the Torah, we must ask: What is the connection between these two events, and what do they reveal about the essence of the month of Cheshvan?

In thinking about what the matriarch Rachel and her son Benjamin stand for, respectively, we can see that Rachel represents the Jewish people in exile, and Benjamin represents the completed state of the Jewish people in the Land of Israel. Rachel spent her entire life outside of Israel, and passed away just as Jacob and his family entered the holy land. As our Sages tell us, her spirit accompanied the Jewish people as they went into Babylonian exile, and it is she who cries for her children in exile until the final redemption comes.

Marcheshvan in Jewish history and tradition

- **11 Marcheshvan** (circa 2105 BCE) – Methuselah dies at age 969
- **11 Marcheshvan** (circa 1553 BCE) – Death of Rachel while giving birth to Benjamin
- **12 Marcheshvan** (1995) – Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin; now a national memorial day
- **15 Marcheshvan** – King Jeroboam's alternative feast of Sukkot for the people of the northern Kingdom (1 Kings 12:32–33)
- **15 Marcheshvan** (165 BCE) – Death of Matityahu (Mattathias), who began the Maccabean revolt in the city of Modiin
- **16 Marcheshvan** (1938) – Kristallnacht/Pogromnacht: 1,400 synagogues and numerous copies of the Tanakh are purposefully and systematically set on fire and allowed to burn in Nazi Germany
- **17 Marcheshvan** (circa 960 BCE) – First Temple completed by King Solomon (it was not inaugurated until the following Tishrei however).
- **23 Marcheshvan** (137 BCE) – Hasmonean holiday commemorating the removal from the Holy Temple of altar stones which were defiled by the Greeks

KISLEV

Kislev is the ninth month of the year, counting from Nisan. In the Torah we find that the root of the word Kislev means 'trust' and 'hope'

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In terms of the historical narrative of Hanukkah, the Hasmoneans had tremendous *bitahon* to stand up to their Roman oppressors. Despite the darkness of their time, they trusted in the miraculous. This inspired them to look at a defiled Temple and envision its re-purification. Because of this trust, their eyes were open enough to find a small measure of oil with which to kindle the Menorah.

Kislev in Jewish history and tradition

- **6 Kislev** (1973) – Death of David Ben-Gurion.
- **14 Kislev** (circa 1445 BC) – Death of Reuben, son of Jacob.
- **14 Kislev** (circa 1568 BC) – Birth of Reuben, son of Jacob.
- **20 Kislev** (circa 457 BC) – Ezra addresses a three-day assemblage of Jews in Jerusalem, telling them to adhere to the Torah and to dissolve their interfaith marriages.
- **25 Kislev** (164 BC) – The Hanukkah miracle
- **25 Kislev** (167 BC) The Greeks make pagan sacrifices in the Temple
- **27 Kislev** (circa 2105 BC) – Flood rains cease (According to Genesis 6–8).

May you all have a wonderful peaceful month now and enjoy the celebration of Hanukkah a month later.

Rabbi Romiel Daniel
President
Rego Park Jewish Center

MAZAL TOV HASANIM

The Rego Park Jewish Center is pleased to have honored two distinguished people on Simchat Torah. Martin Cantor was honored as Hasan Torah and Joel Zakoff was honored as Hasan Bereishis. These individuals were chosen for their commitment to Judaism and for their ongoing support of the Center. Mazal Tov.

November 2020

CHESHVAN / KISLEV 5781

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 14 CHESHVAN</p> <p>N.T.S.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS</i></p>	<p>2 15 CHESHVAN</p>	<p>3 16 CHESHVAN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ELECTION DAY</p>	<p>4 17 CHESHVAN</p>	<p>5 18 CHESHVAN</p>	<p>6 19 CHESHVAN</p> <p>E.S. 4:30 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 4:28 P.M.</p>	<p>7 20 CHESHVAN</p> <p>M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & WEBEX S.E. 5:27 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"VAYERA"</p>
<p>8 21 CHESHVAN</p> <p>T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX</p>	<p>9 22 CHESHVAN</p>	<p>10 23 CHESHVAN</p>	<p>11 24 CHESHVAN</p>	<p>12 25 CHESHVAN</p>	<p>13 26 CHESHVAN</p> <p>E.S. 4:30 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 4:21 P.M.</p>	<p>14 27 CHESHVAN</p> <p>M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & WEBEX S.E. 5:21 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"CHAYA SARAH"</p>
<p>15 28 CHESHVAN</p> <p>T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX</p>	<p>16 29 CHESHVAN</p>	<p>17 1 KISLEV</p>	<p>18 2 KISLEV</p>	<p>19 3 KISLEV</p>	<p>20 4 KISLEV</p> <p>E.S. 4:30 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 4:16 P.M.</p>	<p>21 5 KISLEV</p> <p>M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & WEBEX S.E. 5:17 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"TOLEDOT"</p>
<p>22 6 KISLEV</p> <p>T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX</p>	<p>23 7 KISLEV</p>	<p>24 8 KISLEV</p>	<p>25 9 KISLEV</p>	<p>26 10 KISLEV</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THANKSGIVING DAY</p>	<p>27 11 KISLEV</p> <p>E.S. 4:15 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 4:12 P.M.</p>	<p>28 12 KISLEV</p> <p>M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & WEBEX S.E. 5:14 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"VAYETZE"</p>
<p>29 13 KISLEV</p> <p>T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX</p>	<p>30 14 KISLEV</p>	<p>C.L. = CANDLE LIGHTING E.S. = EVENING SERVICE M.S. = MORNING SERVICE N.T.S. = NO TORAH STUDY CLASS S.E. = SHABBAT ENDS T.S. = TORAH STUDY CLASS</p>				

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		1 15 KISLEV	2 16 KISLEV	3 17 KISLEV	4 18 KISLEV E.S. 4:15 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 4:10 P.M.	5 19 KISLEV M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & WEBEX S.E. 5:13 P.M. "VAYISHLACH"
6 20 KISLEV T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX	7 21 KISLEV	8 22 KISLEV	9 23 KISLEV	10 24 KISLEV EREV CHANUKAH 1 ST CANDLE	11 25 KISLEV E.S. 4:15 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 4:10 P.M. CHANUKAH 2 ND CANDLE	12 26 KISLEV M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & WEBEX S.E. 5:14 P.M. CHANUKAH 3 RD CANDLE "VAYESHEV"
13 27 KISLEV T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX CHANUKAH 4 TH CANDLE	14 28 KISLEV CHANUKAH 5 TH CANDLE	15 29 KISLEV CHANUKAH 6 TH CANDLE	16 1 TEVET CHANUKAH 7 TH CANDLE	17 2 TEVET CHANUKAH 8 TH CANDLE	18 3 TEVET E.S. 4:15 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 4:12 P.M. LAST DAY OF CHANUKAH	19 4 TEVET M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & WEBEX S.E. 5:16 P.M. "MIKETZ"
20 5 TEVET T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX	21 6 TEVET	22 7 TEVET	23 8 TEVET	24 9 TEVET	25 10 TEVET E.S. 4:30 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 4:16 P.M.	26 11 TEVET M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & WEBEX S.E. 5:20 P.M. "VAYIGASH"
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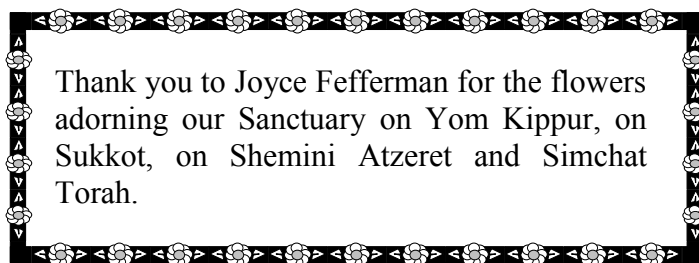
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Ruth Loewenstein

WE MOURN THE LOSS OF FORMER MEMBER

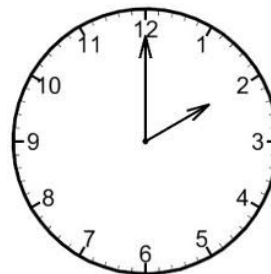
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*We extend our sincere condolences to
Tes Kempner & Irv Kempner & their families.*



Thank you to William Katz for his advice and
help in purchasing and setting up equipment in
our Sanctuary, enabling us to connect our live
services remotely on Cisco Webex.

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“FALL BACK”
NOVEMBER 1, 2020

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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Ruth Kaplan, in memory of brother Chanan.
Ruth Kaplan, in memory of son in law Gary Frank.
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Florence Legler, in memory of mother Sarah Pearl.
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Mel Weiss, in memory of mother Shirley Weiss.
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